Modernisation of canals in A.P.

620. DR. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the World Bank for financial assistance for modernization of canals in the State;

(b) if so, the amount of assistance demanded by the State; and

(c) by when a final decision is expected in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) No specific project for modernization of canals has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for World Bank assistance. However, some sections of Srisailam Right Branch Canal and selective rehabilitation and modernization of canals under Sri Ramsagar Project have already been included in the World Bank aided Third Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project which is under implementation since 1997.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 6TH MARCH, 2002*

Loss to financial Institutions due to Delay in Dabhol Power Project

*81. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the financial institutions led by Industrial Development Bank of India are losing about 0.5 million dollars a day due to the delay in completing the Phase-II and stoppage of power generation from Phase I of Dabhol Power Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what measures are proposed to be taken to resolve the present Dabhol imbroglio?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) and (b)

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* The sitting of the Rajya Sabha of Wednesday, the 6th March, 2002 was adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Shri G.M.C. Balayogi Speaker, Lok Sabha. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, the 7th March, 2002.

The industrial development Bank of India (IDBI) and other financial institutions are working to find a solution to Dabhol Power Company's problems. The primary responsibility for finding an amicable solution to the various issues presently surrounding the projects lies with the two parties to the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) viz., Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) and DPC as also with the Government of Maharashtra (GOM) , who have guaranteed the payment obligations of MSEB to the DPC under the PPA. However, the Government of India (GOI), who have issued a counter guarantee covering Phase-I, has agreed to facilitate early resolution of the issues and revival/restructuring of the project. The IFLs have initiated the selection process for identifying new sponsors to purchase the equity of the present off-shore sponsors of the project who have desired to exit from the project.

Payments released by the REC

*82 SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1901 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th August, 2001 and state:

(a) the details of payments released by the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) to the Electricity Department, Government of Manipur as on 31st January, 2002;

(d) the details of energy meters already installed by the Electricity Department as on 31st January, 2002;

(c) whether the payment released by the REC have not been disbursed to the Vendors/manufacturers/ SSI units; and

(d) if so,the reason for delay and whether Government propose to hold an enquiry in the matter and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) and (b) As on 31.1.2002, against the sanctioned loan assistance of Rs. 5.16 crores, Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) had released Rs. 3.81 crores on the basis of procurement of 73,000 energy meters and another Rs. 0.59 crores on installation of 33,125 meters by the Electricity Department, Government of Manipur. State Electricity Department, Manipur has reported installation of a total of 40,372 energy meters upto the end of December, 2001.

(c) and (d) Funds are released by REC on the basis of Procurement of meters and their installation by the borrowers. Rural Electrification Corporation